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Body Measurements for the Sizing of Girls' Apparel

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Abstract

This Voluntary Product Standard establishes a nationally recognized sizing system for girls, based on body measurements. The standard covers three classifications: slims, regulars, and chubbies. In each classification, sizes 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16 are defined by 33 body measurements.

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VOLUNTARY PRODUCT STANDARDS

Voluntary Product Standards are standards developed under procedures established by the Department of Commerce (15 CFR Part 10, as amended, May 28, 1970). The standards may include (1) dimensional requirements for standard sizes and types of various products, (2) technical requirements, and (3) methods of testing, grading, and marking. The objective of a *Voluntary Product Standard* is to establish requirements which are in accordance with the principal demands of the industry and, at the same time, are not contrary to the public interest.

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The Office of Engineering Standards Services of the National Bureau of Standards has been assigned by the Department of Commerce the responsibility to work closely with scientific and trade associations and organizations, business firms, testing laboratories, and other appropriate groups to develop *Voluntary Product Standards*. The Bureau has the following role in the development process: It (1) provides editorial assistance in the preparation of the standard; (2) supplies such assistance and review as is required to assure the technical soundness of the standard; (3) acts as an unbiased coordinator in the development of the standard; (4) sees that the standard is representative of the views of producers, distributors, and users or consumers; (5) seeks satisfactory adjustment of valid points of disagreement; (6) determines the compliance with the criteria established in the Department's procedures cited above; and (7) publishes the standard.

Industry customarily (1) initiates and participates in the development of a standard; (2) provides technical counsel on a standard; and (3) promotes the use of, and support for, the standard. (A group interested in developing a *Voluntary Product Standard* may submit a written request to the Office of Engineering Standards Services, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C. 20234.)

A draft of a proposed standard is developed in consultation with interested trade groups. Subsequently, a Standard Review Committee is established to review the proposed standard. The committee, appropriately balanced, includes qualified representatives of producers, distributors, and users or consumers of the product being standardized. When the committee approves a proposal, copies are distributed for industry consideration and acceptance. When the acceptances show general industry agreement, and when there is no substantive objection deemed valid by the Bureau, the Bureau announces approval of the *Voluntary Product Standard* and proceeds with its publication.

Use of a VOLUNTARY PRODUCT STANDARD

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Voluntary Product Standards are useful and helpful to purchasers, manufacturers, and distributors. Purchasers may order products that comply with *Voluntary Product Standards* and determine for themselves that their requirements are met. Manufacturers and distributors may refer to the standards in sales catalogs, advertising, invoices, and labels on their product. Commercial inspection and testing programs may also be employed, together with grade labels and certificates assuring compliance, to promote even greater public confidence. Such assurance of compliance promotes better understanding between purchasers and sellers.

Body Measurements for the Sizing of Girls' Apparel

Effective April 14, 1972. (See section 6.)

(This Standard, which was initiated by the Mail Order Association of America, has been developed under the *Procedures for the Development of Voluntary Product Standards* of the U.S. Department of Commerce as a revision of CS 153-48, *Body Measurements for the Sizing of Apparel for Girls*. See Section 7, *History of Project*, for further information.)

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Voluntary Product Standard is to provide standard classifications and size designations for girls' ready-to-wear apparel. It is intended to provide guidance to those preparing pattern specifications for ready-to-wear garments and to assist in correct size selection regardless of price, type of apparel, or manufacturer of the garment.

2. SCOPE AND CLASSIFICATION

2.1. Scope—This Voluntary Product Standard covers three size classifications and six size designations within each of these classifications. It provides related table information for these classifications and provides instructions for measuring. A recommended method of identifying clothing which is sized in accordance with the Standard is provided. The measurements given in the Standard were developed from a U.S. Department of Agriculture survey using age groups from 60 to 167 months. They are body, not garment measurements.

2.1.1. Clothing allowances—Adjustments to compensate for the effect of clothing for those who wish to convert tables 1 through 3 to "nude" measurements, are given in appendix A.

2.1.2. Span chart—A suggested span chart using key measurements is provided in appendix B as a guide to help consumers select a garment that will give them the best possible fit.

2.1.3. Grading—A guide to grading has been included in appendix C. The difference between similar body measurements of consecutive size designation within a classification is called the grade.

2.2. Classification—The three classifications provided are based on the girths (and weights) of the girls and are marked as follows:

- (a) "Slims" —Identified by size number plus the designation "S."
- (b) "Regulars" —Identified by size number plus the designation "R."
- (c) "Chubbies"—Identified by size number plus the designation "1/2."¹

Six size designations and 33 corresponding body measurements are given in tables 1 through 3 for the three classifications. The size designations in this Standard are identified by a number. There are six for each classification, as follows: 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16. The numbers represent the height of the girls covered by the system. A size 10 girl whether Slim, Regular, or Chubbie will always be 55 inches (139.7 centimeters) in height with the corresponding body measurements shown in tables 1, 2, and 3.

¹ In ready-to-wear terminology, the designation "1/2" represents stocky body proportions, whether for young or mature people.

Table 1. SLIMS—GIRLS' BODY MEASUREMENTS ^a

MEASUREMENT	SIZE					
	7S	8S	10S	12S	14S	16S
Stature.....	51	53	55	57½	60	62½
Weight (in pounds).....	53	59	67	77	89	103
GIRTH MEASUREMENTS						
Bust (chest).....	24½	25½	27	28½	30	31½
Waist.....	20½	21	22	23	24	25
Hips.....	25½	26½	28½	30½	32½	34½
Vertical trunk.....	43½	45½	47½	50	52½	55
Neck base.....	11½	11½	12¼	12¾	13¾	13¾
Armscye.....	11	11½	12	12¾	13½	14¼
Upper arm.....	6¾	7¾	7¾	7¾	8¾	8¾
Elbow.....	7¾	8¾	8¾	8¾	9¾	9¾
Thigh.....	14	14½	15½	16½	17½	18½
Calf, maximum.....	9¾	10	10½	11	11½	12½
Knee, tibiale.....	10¾	10¾	11¼	11¾	12¾	13
WIDTH AND LENGTH MEASUREMENTS						
Shoulder length.....	3¾	3½	3¾	3¾	3¾	4
Cross-back width.....	10½	10¾	11¼	11¾	12¾	12¾
Cross-chest width.....	9	9¾	9¾	10¾	10¾	11¼
Crotch length, total.....	20¾	21½	22¾	24	25¼	26¾
Total posterior arm length.....	17¾	18¾	19¾	20¾	21¾	22¾
Shoulder and arm length.....	21¼	22¼	23¼	24¾	25½	26¾
VERTICAL MEASUREMENTS						
Head and neck length.....	8¾	8¾	8½	8¾	9	9¼
Cervicale height.....	42¾	44¾	46½	48¾	51	53¼
Cervicale to knee.....	28¾	29¾	31½	32¾	34¾	35¾
Scoye depth, along spine.....	5¾	5½	5¾	6	6¾	6¾
Trunk line, along body.....	5¾	6	6¾	6¾	6¾	7¼
Cervicale to waist, posterior.....	11	11½	12	12½	13¼	14
Neck to waist, anterior.....	9¾	10¾	10¾	11	11¾	12¾
Waist height.....	32	33¾	35¼	37	38¾	40¾
Waist to knee.....	17¾	18¾	19¾	20¾	21¾	22¾
Hip height.....	25¾	27	28¾	29¾	31	32¾
Waist to hips.....	6¾	6¾	6¾	7¼	7¾	8
Crotch height.....	23¾	24¾	25¾	26¾	27¾	29¾
Knee height.....	14¾	14¾	15¾	16¾	16¾	17¾
Ankle height.....	2¾	2¾	2¾	2¾	2¾	2¾

^a These measurements are body, not garment measurements. The size-to-size gradations between these body measurements may be applied to garment patterns or specifications in grading, but they are not to be considered actual garment measurements. All measurements are expressed in inches. (1 inch equals 2.540 centimeters, 1 pound equals 0.454 kilogram.)

Table 2. REGULARS—GIRLS' BODY MEASUREMENTS ^a

MEASUREMENT	SIZE					
	7R	8R	10R	12R	14R	16R
Stature.....	51	53	55	57½	60	62½
Weight (in pounds).....	60	66	74	84	96	110
GIRTH MEASUREMENTS						
Bust (chest).....	26	27	28½	30	31½	33
Waist.....	22½	23	24	25	26	27
Hips.....	27½	28½	30	32	34	36
Vertical trunk.....	44½	46½	48½	51	53½	56
Neck base.....	11½	12½	12½	13½	13½	14½
Armseye.....	11½	12	12½	13½	14	14½
Upper arm.....	7½	7½	8½	8½	9	9½
Elbow.....	8½	8½	8½	9½	9½	10½
Thigh.....	15½	16½	17½	18½	19½	20½
Calf, maximum.....	10½	10½	11	11½	12½	13
Knee, tibiale.....	10½	11½	11½	12½	12½	13½
WIDTH AND LENGTH MEASUREMENTS						
Shoulder length.....	3½	3½	3½	3½	4	4½
Cross-back width.....	10½	11	11½	12	12½	13
Cross-chest width.....	9½	9½	10½	10½	11½	11½
Crotch length, total.....	21½	22½	23½	24½	26	27½
Total posterior arm length.....	18	18½	19½	20½	21½	22½
Shoulder and arm length.....	21½	22½	23½	24½	25½	26½
VERTICAL MEASUREMENTS						
Head and neck length.....	8½	8½	8½	8½	9	9½
Cervicale height.....	42½	44½	46½	48½	51	53½
Cervicale to knee.....	28½	29½	31½	32½	34½	35½
Sceye depth, along spine.....	5½	5½	5½	6½	6½	6½
Trunk line, along body.....	5½	5½	6½	6½	6½	7½
Cervicale to waist, posterior.....	11	11½	12	12½	13½	14
Neck to waist, anterior.....	10	10½	10½	11½	11½	12½
Waist height.....	32	33½	35½	37	38½	40½
Waist to knee.....	17½	18½	19½	20½	21½	22½
Hip height.....	25½	27	28½	29½	31	32½
Waist to hips.....	6½	6½	7	7½	7½	8½
Crotch height.....	23½	24½	25½	26½	27½	29½
Knee height.....	14½	14½	15½	16½	16½	17½
Ankle height.....	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½

^a These measurements are body, not garment measurements. The size-to-size gradations between these body measurements may be applied to garment patterns or specifications in grading, but they are not to be considered actual garment measurements. All measurements are expressed in inches. (1 inch equals 2.540 centimeters, 1 pound equals 0.454 kilogram.)

Table 3. CHUBBIES—GIRLS' BODY MEASUREMENTS ^a

MEASUREMENT	SIZE					
	7½	8½	10½	12½	14½	16½ ^b
Stature.....	51	53	55	57½	60	62½
Weight (in pounds).....	71	79	89	102	116	132
GIRTH MEASUREMENTS						
Bust (chest).....	28½	29½	31	32½	34	35½
Waist.....	26	26½	27½	28½	29½	30½
Hips.....	30½	31½	33	35	37	39
Vertical trunk.....	46½	48½	50½	53½	55½	58½
Neck base.....	12½	12½	13¼	13¼	14½	14½
Armscye.....	12¾	13¼	13¾	14½	15¼	16
Upper arm.....	8¾	9¼	9¾	10	10½	11
Elbow.....	8¾	9¼	9¾	10	10½	11
Thigh.....	18¾	19	19¾	21	22½	23¾
Calf, maximum.....	11¼	11½	12½	12½	13¾	14½
Knee, tibiale.....	11¼	12¼	12¾	13¾	14	14½
WIDTH AND LENGTH MEASUREMENTS						
Shoulder length.....	3¾	3¾	3¾	4	4¾	4¾
Cross-back width.....	11¼	11½	12	12½	13	13½
Cross-chest width.....	10¾	10¾	10¾	11¾	11¾	12¾
Crotch length, total.....	23½	24¼	25½	26¼	28	29¼
Total posterior arm length.....	18¼	19¼	20	21	22	23
Shoulder and arm length.....	21¾	22¾	23¾	25	26¾	27¾
VERTICAL MEASUREMENTS						
Head and neck length.....	8¼	8¾	8¾	8¾	9	9¼
Cervicale height.....	42¾	44½	46½	48¾	51	53¼
Cervicale to knee.....	28¾	29¾	31¾	32¾	34¾	35¾
Scoye depth, along spine.....	5¾	5¾	6¾	6¾	6¾	7¾
Trunk line, along body.....	5½	5¾	5¾	6¾	6¾	6¾
Cervicale to waist, posterior.....	11	11½	12	12½	13¼	14
Neck to waist, anterior.....	10¾	10¾	10¾	11¼	11¾	12¾
Waist height.....	32	33¾	35¼	37	38¾	40½
Waist to knee.....	17¾	18¾	19¾	20¾	21¾	22¾
Hip height.....	25¼	27	28¼	29¾	31	32¾
Waist to hips.....	6¾	7	7¼	7¾	8	8¾
Crotch height.....	23¼	24¼	25¾	26¾	27¾	29¾
Knee height.....	14¼	14¾	15¾	16¾	16¾	17¾
Ankle height.....	2½	2½	2¾	2¾	2¾	2¾

^a These measurements are body, not garment measurements. The size-to-size gradations between these body measurements may be applied to garment patterns or specifications in grading, but they are not to be considered actual garment measurements. All measurements are expressed in inches. (1 inch equals 2.540 centimeters, 1 pound equals 0.454 kilogram.)

^b The 16½ measurements have been extrapolated.

3. DEFINITIONS OF BODY LANDMARKS

Definitions of the more important body landmarks shown in figure 1 are as follows:

- a. **Crown**—Top of head.
- b. **Cervicale**—The prominent point on the seventh or lowest cervicale vertebra at the back of the neck which becomes more prominent when the head is bent forward. (Cervicale height measurements are taken, however, only when the head is in an erect position.)
- c. **Waist**—The lower edge of the lower floating rib, located at the side of the body in a line directly below the center of the armpit.
- d. **Hip**—The outer bony prominence of the upper end of the thigh bone (the femur).
- e. **Knee**—The inner bony prominence of the upper end of the tibia, the larger of the two long bones of the leg extending from knee to ankle.
- f. **Ankle**—The inner bony prominence of the lower end of the tibia, the larger of the two long bones of the leg extending from knee to ankle.

4. METHODS OF MEASURING ²

4.1. Vertical measurements—

4.1.1. **Stature**—Measure from crown to soles of feet.

4.1.2. **Cervicale height**—Measure from cervicale to soles of feet.

4.1.3. **Waist height**—Measure from waist to soles of feet. This waist height establishes the waist level around the body.

4.1.4. **Hip height**—Measure from hip to soles of feet.

4.1.5. **Knee height**—Measure from knee to soles of feet.

² Body measurements are recorded to the nearest $\frac{1}{8}$ inch.

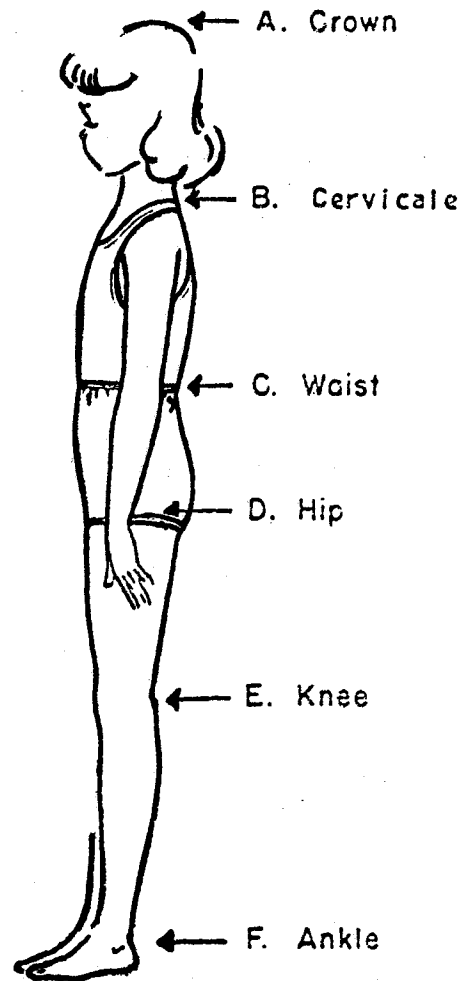


FIGURE 1. General location of principal body landmarks.

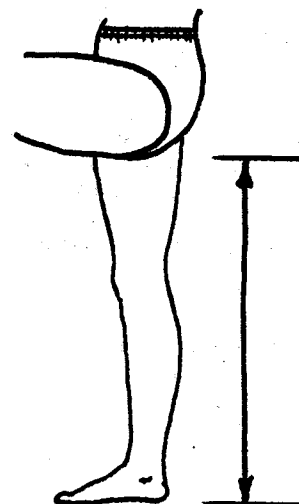


FIGURE 2. Crotch height.

4.1.6. Ankle height—Measure from ankle to soles of feet.

4.1.7. Crotch height—Measure from the midpoint of the crotch to the soles of feet. The end of the tape measure (or anthropometer) should be raised until it firmly presses against the flesh of the midpoint of the crotch, figure 2.

4.1.8. Trunk line (armscye to waist)—Measure from the mid-underarm point downward along the side of the body to the waist level.

4.1.9. Scye depth—Measure along the spine from the cervicale to a point level with the mid-underarm point, B to SD, figure 6.

4.2. Girth measurements ³—

4.2.1. Bust (chest)—Measure horizontally close up under arms. The measurement should include the lower portion of the shoulder blades, figure 3.

4.2.2. Waist—Measure horizontally at waist height with belt or sash removed, figure 3.

4.2.3. Hip—Measure horizontally at hip height, figure 3.

4.2.4. Vertical trunk—Measure from a point on the shoulder, midway between the neck and the normal armhole line, through the crotch, G through F to G, figure 4. The measurement should be taken without constriction at the crotch.

4.2.5. Thigh—Measure horizontally around the upper part of the leg, close up to the crotch, H through F to H, figure 4.

4.2.6. Neck base—Measure around the neck touching the cervicale at the back and the upper borders of the collar bone at the front, following the curve that would be made by a fine-linked chain passing over these landmarks, B through J to B, figures 5 and 6.

4.2.7. Armscye—Measure from a point at the armhole edge of the shoulder, midway between the acromion and the highest prominence at the outer end of the collar bone, through the underarm midpoint, K around the arm to K, figures 5 and 6.

³ Girth measurements in this Standard include an allowance for clothing (see appendix A).

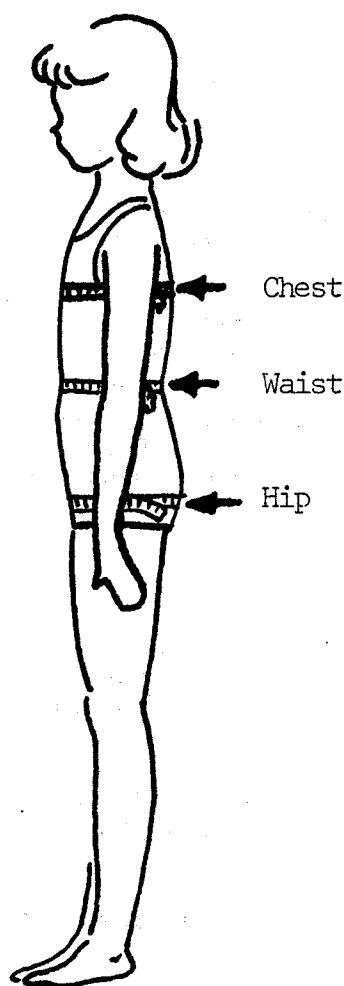


FIGURE 3. Girth measurements: chest, waist, and hip.

4.2.8. Upper arm—Measure from a point midway between the outer edge of the shoulder and the elbow, around the arm at U level, figure 4.

4.3. Width and length measurements—

4.3.1. Cross-back width—Measure across the back from armscye to armscye, halfway between the cervicale and the bottom of the armscye, L to L', figure 6.

4.3.2. Shoulder length—Measure from most lateral point of neck girth measurement at shoulder to the armscye girth point on the shoulder, S, figure 6.

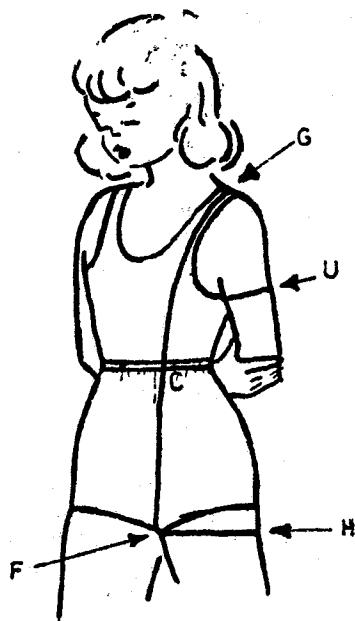


FIGURE 4. Vertical trunk, thigh, and upper arm girths.

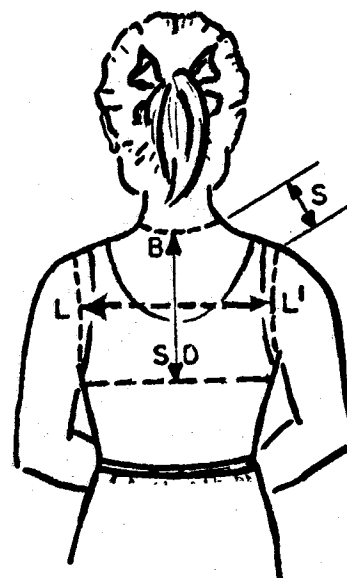


FIGURE 6. Armscye and neck girths, cross-back width, scye depth, and shoulder length.

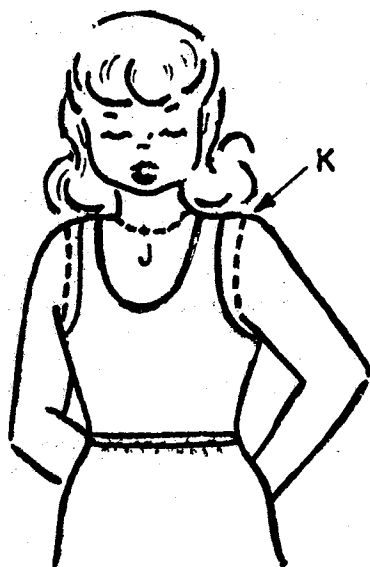


FIGURE 5. Armscye and neck girths.

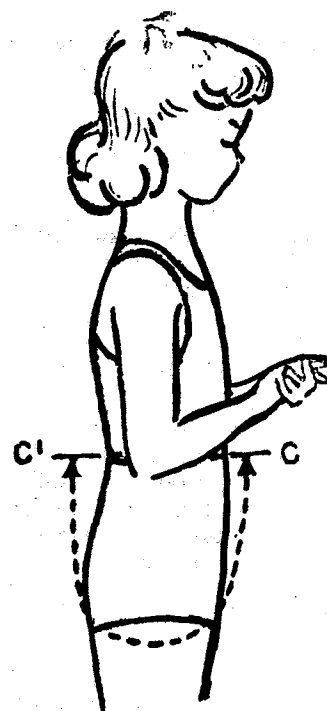


FIGURE 7. Total crotch length.



FIGURE 8. Shoulder and arm length, and total posterior arm length.

4.3.3. Total crotch length—Measure from waist level at the front, through the crotch, to the waist level at the back, C through crotch to C', figure 7. (For waist level, see 4.1.3.)

4.3.4. Shoulder and arm length—Measure from the intersection of the neck and shoulder lines along the outside (posterior) surface of the arm, with the elbow flexed, to the prominent wrist bone at the back of the hand, O to M, figure 8.

4.3.5. Total posterior arm length—Measure from the outer edge of shoulder over flexed elbow to wrist, N to M figure 8.

5. IDENTIFICATION

In order that purchasers may identify products conforming to all requirements of this Voluntary Product Standard, producers and distributors may include a statement of compliance in conjunction with their name and address on product labels, invoices, sales literature, and the like. The following statement is suggested when sufficient space is available:

This apparel is sized in accordance with Voluntary Product Standard PS 54-72, developed cooperatively with the industry and published by the National Bureau of Standards under the *Procedures for the Development of Voluntary Product Standards* of the U.S.

Department of Commerce. Full responsibility for the conformance of this product to the standard is assumed by (name and address of producer or distributor).

The following abbreviated statement is suggested when available space on labels is insufficient for the full statement:

Sized in accordance with Voluntary Product Standard PS 54-72, (name and address of producer or distributor).

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Voluntary Product Standard is the date upon which reference to the Standard may be made by producers, distributors, users and consumers, and other interested parties. The effective date of this Standard is April 14, 1972. After this date, products shall not be labeled as conforming to the superseded standard, CS 153-48.

7. HISTORY OF PROJECT

First edition—Commercial Standard CS 153-48, *Body Measurements for the Sizing of Apparel for Girls*, was developed at the request of the Mail Order Association of America and was published with an effective date of January 19, 1949.

Current revision—In June 1967, the Mail Order Association of America completed a draft of a revision of CS 153-48. The primary reason for the revision was to include "Slim" and "Chubbie" classifications in addition to the "Regular" classification. At the same time, garment lengths were deleted; size 9 was deleted and size 16 was added to each classification; and span charts and grading charts were added as appendixes.

With the approval of the reconstituted Standing Committee, copies of the recommended standard, designated TS 117, were distributed on January 7, 1972, to clothing manufacturers, retailers, and consumers to determine its acceptability. An analysis of the responses indicated a consensus among the groups concerned as defined in the Voluntary Product Standards procedures.

Accordingly, the standard, designated Voluntary Product Standard PS 54-72, *Body Measurements for the Sizing of Girls' Apparel*, became effective on April 14, 1972.

Technical Standards Coordinator:

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8. STANDING COMMITTEE

The individuals whose names are listed below constitute the membership of the Standing Committee for this Standard. The function of the committee is to review all proposed revisions and amendments in order to keep this Standard up to date. Comments concerning this Standard and suggestions for its revision may be addressed to any member of the committee or to the Office of Engineering Standards Services, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C. 20234, which acts as secretary for the committee.

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9. ACCEPTORS

The producers, distributors, users, and others listed below have individually indicated in writing their acceptance of this Voluntary Product Standard prior to its publication. The acceptors have indicated their intention to use this standard as far as practicable but reserve the right to depart from it when necessary. The list is published to show the extent of recorded public support for this Standard.

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APPENDIX A

CLOTHING ALLOWANCES

The size scales in this Standard represent girls dressed in undergarments.

"Nude" data may be obtained from tables 1 through 3 by subtracting the adjustments given below.

1. Weight.....	20 ounces.
2. Chest girth.....	$\frac{3}{4}$ inch.
3. Waist girth.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ inch.
4. Hip girth.....	$\frac{3}{4}$ inch.
5. Vertical trunk girth.....	1 inch.
6. Total crotch length.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

APPENDIX B—SPAN CHART

The following span charts are to be used only as a guide to help consumers select a garment that will give them the best possible fit. All measurements are expressed in inches.

Height	49-51½	52-53½	54-55½	56-58	58½-60½	61-63
REGULARS						
Bust (chest)	7R 25½-26½	8R 26½-27½	10R 28-29	12R 29½-30½	14R 31-32	16R 32½-33½
Waist	22½-23	23-23½	24-24½	25-25½	26-26½	27-27½
Hip	27½-28	28-29	29½-30½	31-32½	33-34½	35-36½
SLIMS						
Bust (chest)	7S 24-25	8S 25-26	10S 26½-27½	12S 28-29	14S 29½-30½	16S 31-32
Waist	20½-21	21-21½	22-22½	23-23½	24-24½	25-25½
Hip	25½-26	26-27	27½-28½	29-30½	31-32½	33-34½
CHUBBIES						
Bust (chest)	7½ 28-29	8½ 29-30	10½ 30½-31½	12½ 32-33	14½ 33½-34½	16½ 35-36
Waist	26-26½	26½-27	27½-28	28½-29	29½-30	30½-31
Hip	30½-31	31-32	32½-33½	34-35½	36-37½	38-39½

APPENDIX C—GRADE CHARTS

Girls' Slims

	Grade between 7S-8S	Grade between 8S-10S	Grade between 10S-12S	Grade between 12S-14S	Grade between 14S-16S
GIRTH MEASUREMENTS (inches)					
Bust (chest).....	1	1½	1½	1½	1½
Waist.....	½	1	1	1	1
Hip.....	1	1½	2	2	2
Vertical trunk.....	2	2	2½	2½	2½
Neck base.....	¼	½	½	½	½
Armseye.....	½	½	¾	¾	¾
Upper arm.....	½	¾	¾	¾	¾
Elbow.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Thigh.....	¾	¾	1½	1½	1½
Calf, max.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Knee, tibiale.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
WIDTH AND LENGTH MEASUREMENTS (inches)					
Shoulder length.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Cross back width.....	¼	½	½	½	½
Cross chest width.....	¼	½	½	½	½
Crotch length, total.....	¾	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼
Total posterior arm length.....	¾	¾	1	1	1
Shoulder and arm length.....	1	1	1½	1½	1½
VERTICAL MEASUREMENTS (inches)					
Head and neck length.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Cervicale height.....	1½	1½	2¼	2¼	2¼
Cervicale to knee.....	1¼	1¼	1½	1½	1½
Scye depth, along spine.....	¼	¼	¼	¾	¾
Trunk line, along body.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Cervicale to waist, posterior.....	½	½	½	¾	¾
Neck to waist, anterior.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Waist height.....	1½	1½	1¼	1¼	1¼
Waist to knee.....	1	1	1	1	1
Hip height.....	1¼	1¼	1½	1½	1½
Waist to hips.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Crotch height.....	1½	1½	1¼	1¼	1¼
Knee height.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Ankle height.....	0	¾	0	0	¾

APPENDIX C—GRADE CHARTS—Continued

Girls' Regulars

	Grade between 7R-8R	Grade between 8R-10R	Grade between 10R-12R	Grade between 12R-14R	Grade between 14R-16R
GIRTH MEASUREMENTS (inches)					
Bust (chest).....	1	1½	1½	1½	1½
Waist.....	½	1	1	1	1
Hip.....	1	1½	2	2	2
Vertical trunk.....	2	2	2½	2½	2½
Neck base.....	¼	½	½	½	½
Armscye.....	½	½	¾	¾	¾
Upper arm.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Elbow.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Thigh.....	¾	¾	1½	1½	1½
Calf, max.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Knee, tibiale.....	½	½	½	¾	¾
WIDTH AND LENGTH MEASUREMENTS (inches)					
Shoulder length.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Cross back width.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Cross chest width.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Crotch length, total.....	¾	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼
Total posterior arm length.....	¾	¾	1	1	1
Shoulder and arm length.....	1	1	1½	1½	1½
VERTICAL MEASUREMENTS (inches)					
Head and neck length.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Cervicale height.....	1½	1½	2¼	2¼	2¼
Cervicale to knee.....	1¼	1¼	1½	1½	1½
Seye depth, along spine.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Trunk line, along body.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Cervicale to waist, posterior.....	½	½	½	¾	¾
Neck to waist, anterior.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Waist height.....	1½	1½	1¼	1¼	1¼
Waist to knee.....	1	1	1	1	1
Hip height.....	1¼	1¼	1¾	1¾	1¾
Waist to hips.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Crotch height.....	1½	1½	1¼	1¼	1¼
Knee height.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Ankle height.....	0	¾	0	0	¾

APPENDIX C—GRADE CHARTS—Continued

Girls' Chubbies

	Grade between 7½-8½	Grade between 8½-10½	Grade between 10½-12½	Grade between 12½-14½	Grade between 14½-16½
GIRTH MEASUREMENTS (inches)					
Bust (chest).....	1	1½	1½	1½	1½
Waist.....	½	1	1	1	1
Hip.....	1	1½	2	2	2
Vertical trunk.....	2	2	2½	2½	2½
Neck base.....	¼	½	½	½	½
Armscye.....	½	½	¾	¾	¾
Upper arm.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Elbow.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Thigh.....	¾	¾	1½	1½	1½
Calf, max.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Knee, tibiale.....	½	½	¾	¾	¾
WIDTH AND LENGTH MEASUREMENTS (inches)					
Shoulder length.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Cross back width.....	¼	½	½	½	½
Cross chest width.....	¼	½	½	½	½
Crotch length, total.....	¾	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼
Total posterior arm length.....	¾	¾	1	1	1
Shoulder and arm length.....	1	1	1½	1½	1½
VERTICAL MEASUREMENTS (inches)					
Head and neck length.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Cervicale height.....	1½	1½	2¼	2¼	2¼
Cervicale to knee.....	1¼	1¼	1½	1½	1½
Scye depth, alone spine.....	¼	¼	¼	¾	¾
Trunk line, along body.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Cervicale to waist, posterior.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Neck to waist, anterior.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Waist height.....	1½	1½	1¾	1¾	1¾
Waist to knee.....	1	1	1	1	1
Hip height.....	1¼	1¼	1½	1½	1½
Waist to hips.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Crotch height.....	1½	1½	1¾	1¾	1¾
Knee height.....	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
Ankle height.....	0	¾	0	0	¾

TO THE ACCEPTOR

The following statements answer the usual questions arising in connection with the acceptance of a Voluntary Product Standard and its significance:

1. *Enforcement*—Voluntary Product Standards contain requirements which are established by mutual consent of those concerned in accordance with the *Procedures for the Development of Voluntary Product Standards* published by the Department of Commerce (15 CFR Part 10, as amended, May 28, 1970). The standards provide a common basis of understanding among producers, distributors, and users or consumers. The National Bureau of Standards has *no* regulatory power in the enforcement of the provisions of voluntary standards, but since these standards represent the will of the interested groups as a whole, their provisions soon become established as trade customs and become effective when the standards are referenced in sales contracts, procurement specifications, government regulations, and the like.

2. *The Responsibility of the Acceptor*—The purpose of Voluntary Product Standards is to establish, for specific items, nationally recognized sizes, grades, material requirements, or performance criteria. The benefits that result from these standards will be in direct proportion to general recognition and actual use of the standards. Instances will occur when it may be necessary to deviate from a standard. The signing of an acceptance does not preclude such departures. The acceptor's signature, however, indicates an intention to follow the standard, where practicable, in the production, distribution, or use and consumption of the product in question.

ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTARY PRODUCT STANDARD

PS 54-72, BODY MEASUREMENTS FOR THE SIZING OF GIRLS' APPAREL

This form properly completed, signed, and returned will show your acceptance of this *Voluntary Product Standard*.

Date_____

Office of Engineering Standards Services
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Gentlemen:

We are primarily engaged in the following segment of the industry:

(Please check only one)

☐ Production

☐ Distribution

☐ Use/consumption

☐ General Interest

We believe that this *Voluntary Product Standard* constitutes a useful standard of practice, and we plan to use it as far as practicable. *However*, we reserve the right to depart from the standard as we deem advisable.

We understand, of course, that only those products which actually conform to the standard in all respects may be represented as conforming thereto.

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